

REMARKS

Claim 50 has been canceled, leaving claims 49 and 51-67 in the case, claim 61 withdrawn by the Examiner as corresponding to a non-elected species but available for rejoinder should the base claim be held allowable.

The abstract has been amended to conform to PTO formal requirements.

Claim 54 has been amended to correct the noted lack of antecedent basis.

Claims 49, 55-60, 62, 65 and 66 have been rejected as anticipated by Braun et al. (US 3,768,348, "Braun"). In response, Applicants have amended claim 49 to more clearly state the relationship between the shaving unit and skin agitation member, specifically that the latter is "disposed adjacent the first shaving unit such that skin-engaging surfaces of the first shaving unit and the skin agitation member are arranged to simultaneously contact skin during shaving." Such is not the case with the long-hair trimmer 7 of the Braun reference, there being no indication from Braun that his long-hair trimmer is arranged to be used simultaneously with his shaving head, or that it is so arranged.

Claims 51-54, 63, 64 and 67 have been rejected as obvious over Braun in view of Tanahashi et al. (US 5,398,412, "Tanahashi"), and alternatively as obvious over Braun standing alone. This rejection follows from the anticipation rejection of base claim 49, the examiner holding that if the base claim is anticipated, the addition of a second shaving unit would be obvious, either over Braun alone or with the addition of Tanahashi. Without concurring with that conclusion, Applicants suggest that this obviousness rejection is moot in view of the amendment to claim 49, as there is nothing in either the Braun or Tanahashi references that would have suggested to one of ordinary skill arranging a skin agitation member adjacent a shaving head such that skin-engaging surfaces of the first shaving unit and the skin agitation member simultaneously contact skin during shaving. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

No fees are believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the above attorney docket number.

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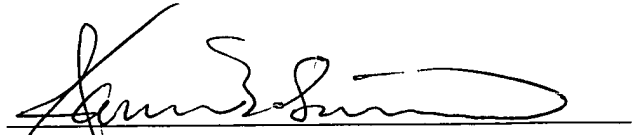
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